

# Fashions at the Capital

The Well Dressed Woman of Smart Society, What She Wears;  
The Time and Place.

By MARGARET WADE.

The two large weddings of the past week may be considered to have definitely established the fashion of the season, not only as regards bridal attire, which even the most sentimental must admit presents less scope for variety than any other form of dress, but also afforded an opportunity for everybody in society to appear in the smartest of new afternoon costumes—the afternoon costume having a vogue in Washington unequalled elsewhere.

Miss Elizabeth Noyes, who became Mrs. John W. Thompson on Wednesday, had a brilliant company of friends to witness that ceremony in St. Thomas Church, as had Miss Helen Downing and Louis, Commander Hugo Osterhaus the following afternoon at St. John's Lafayette Square. Both these brides being young and fair, naturally looked their best in the traditional white satin with lace tulle and orange blossoms arranged in the most modern and becoming fashion.

No more significant note has been heard in the past week than that of color. The golden yellow and its kindred shades all the way to a deep tango were exploited at every fashionable company. Even yellow semi-tailored gowns of velvet or tulle, and velvet have made their appearance, notwithstanding the edict of Worth that this favorite of the season is only desirable by gas light. Probably the best example was found in the gowns worn by the bride attendants of Miss Helen Downing at St. John's Church late on Thursday afternoon. These six pretty maidens were gowned alike, both as regards model and color. The latter was the real lemon yellow the material being chiffon over charmeuse.

Three gowns, which were made with quite long trains and the smartest drapery that rippled down each side instead of being held in hard and fast puffs, as seen occasionally in badly selected models, were topped by the most fascinating light blue hats. The latter had the soft low crown of chiffon velvet, with trim of shadow lace, and a line of fur in black or chinchilla. A slightly wider fur band went about the base of the blue velvet crown. The bride party, being one of the largest of the winter, the maids and their costumes as grouped in the chancel appeared a part of the splendid floral decoration, which was in golden yellow chrysanthemums.

The ushers at this wedding being brother officers of the gallant young bridegroom, in full uniform added still further color to the brilliant company assembled for the ceremony.

Young Mrs. Thompson, notwithstanding that Washington is to be her future home, was extensively feted in the days preceding her marriage, which gave her opportunity of wearing many of the trousseau gowns, each in its way quite as an fait as the bridal gown itself.

At a theater party Monday evening this bride-elect of that day were one of the most fascinating frocks of satin and net in pale pink, that quite reversed the old-time scheme of satin skirt and gauzy overdress. In this case the skirt was the new, so-called indestructible net, encased in the finest of crystal beads, and the drapery of satin, which, as its name implies, is a soft and crushable kind of satin, created expressly for the present day modes. The satin formed a short pouter overdress in front, which was fastened considerably in the back, emphasizing the new bouffant drapery just coming in.

The bodice was of the net very closely fitted, making its pretty lines and wear look like a princess in a fairy tale. In sharp contrast was the soft girle of black velvet that was picked out with crystal beads in a large motif, both front and back. The satin skirt, which mounted to the top of the waist in the back, also showed a narrow line of black velvet, studded with rhinestones.

Another gown in this trousseau, which is decidedly one of the smartest of the winter, is a gown of nature crinoline, worn at this young matron's first formal dinner party. This is a trained white satin draped in panier effect, in broadened chiffon of light blue.

The bodice is also of blue brocade. In fact, the brocade forms what is practically the entire overdress, but on the newest and smartest of designs, with the new desired fulness gathered in the waist line in front and back, falling in irregular, soft loops from waist line almost to the floor. Here, too, we see more of the crystal trimming which outlines the top of the gown, as well as the edge of the line of the train. A strong beauty note in this gown lies in the angel sleeves of white lace.

Young Mrs. Thompson's going-away gown was another French model quite in the line of the idea suggested which Washington has accepted only in its most polite form. This is a dressy, in fact, a very smart variation of the too robust tomato red. Like all the gowns in this trousseau, there is a comfortable leeway at the bottom of the skirt, at the same time the slender, modish silhouette is faithfully preserved. The back of this cloth skirt is actually gathered at the waist line in old-fashioned, uncompromising gathers, which have been restored to polite society by the fact and tail of the skirt. There is a short, close drapery on the front of the skirt, showing the new cut-away coat, which is extremely short in front and much longer in the back, as the impression of the new piece given, as Mrs. Thompson walked away from her admiring friends on Wednesday afternoon.

The collar and the bottom of this gown are particularly smart, the former being a dull blue suede in the L'Aiglon model, embellished in dull art silk in Persian tones.

The buttons are the latest thing in bone, or shell, self-colored to match the cloth.

This slight, but significant change from the self-covered buttons which have been a cardinal precept in smart tailoring for some time, is opening the way to an entirely new line of buttons, either as ornaments or utilities.

For the wise ones, both masculine and feminine, who are looking for the silver lining in the dark cloud of exaggerated fashions, comes the thought that in their very exaggeration lies the safety of the majority as well as due regard for time and place.

The lampshade overdress, for example, which three months ago no one believed would be accepted in smart drawing room, is now established in Washington, but thus far only for dinner and dance, where it is undoubtedly picturesque, if not exactly graceful or pretty. It's only



MISS CORA BARRY. —Photo by G. V. Beck.  
The charming young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Barry, one of the debutantes of the winter.

litted bodice from the sphere in which it is appropriate to a totally different setting, a difference that an extreme fashioner would not hesitate to point out. The latter, vulgar, the former, graceful.

Miss Margaret Britton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Britton, is appearing the lampshade tunic with complete success in a gown of yellow satin and chiffon.

Miss Britton, whose formal debut is still several days off, wore this unmistakable Paris creation at a recent dinner.

The skirt, or rather the narrow foundation slip, is of the satin, a real canary color, open in front and untrimmed. The overdress of chiffon is the uncompromising lampshade variety, edged with an inch-wide band of fur, wired just as stiffly as a well-made lampshade, or an old-fashioned broad-brimmed picture hat. The same fur that edging the tunic also forms a trimming of the surplus neck of the perfectly plain chiffon and satin bodice.

On the same occasion that saw Miss Britton in the lampshade pattern, brought out another exclusive and very charming gown worn by Miss Eleanor Carroll Morgan. This was one of the new silk crepes, in a plain color, and totally untrimmed. The cachet of this gown being entirely in its youthful gracefulness, its obviously French workmanship, with the detail of the bolero carried out in the same color from the chiffon fichu to the heels of the satin slippers.

The color was a locust, or willow green; a very dull green that our grandmothers might have described as sage, our mothers as olive, but which, in the present generation, is known as locust; although as a fact it does not resemble either true, fruit, or herb.

Miss Morgan's skirt escapes the ground and is very narrow, slashed over so slightly at each side with the drapery about the hips, which ends in a long, lower panel at the back. There are no straight lines from the normal waist line. The bodice is surprise, finished as already mentioned by a chiffon fichu identically the same color as the crepe.

Miss Dorothy Alshire, one of last year's buds, whose popularity shows no indication of waning, is an attractive figure at the fashionable afternoon dances in a bluish colored satin, showing the close, narrow skirt slashed slightly at the front with a smart high drapery that, like most of the gowns of this season, has its greatest individuality in the back.

Miss Nona McAdoo, daughter of the Secretary of the Treasury, carries with her on all occasions the unmistakable stamp of New York dressmaker.

Miss McAdoo inclines to the severe, tailored costume, where that is in order. The plain, but very smart velvet do lains of dull blue, in which she made an informal visit to the White House one morning last week shows just as distinctly the style and grace of this leading maiden of the Cabinet as does her more elaborate blue velvet afternoon toilet.

The cloth gown is narrow and untrimmed, but shows great individuality in the skirt, delicate slashing, not only of the daint, but of the short, curvaceous jacket. The slash of the skirt at either side of the front is less than two inches deep. On the bottom of the jacket, which stops short of the hips, the "kick" is the same embellishment, but not quite as deep.

Miss McAdoo wears a small black velvet hat with this utility suit, but a hat severely plain with only a tall, slender ribbon bow as its trimming.

That brocade is no longer designed especially for matrons and dowagers is shown by the new colorings and patterns in which this richest of silks is being made up for young girls of excellent taste.

Miss Alexandrine Fitch's one-piece brocade gown is made on youthful lines, new in every detail, and particularly becoming to its handsome wearer. This is a dark blue, King's blue of the present year, which is less intense than the same color as introduced four years ago. The ground work is entirely of this rich hue, neither light nor dark, but a background for a pattern of sparsely scattered flowers; small, natural blossoms of blue and coloring suggesting the old-fashioned garden. There is practically no trimming on the gown which is draped upon its wearer's slender, girlish figure in rather long, than broad, lines. The bodice is surprise, the tunic following the same suggestion upon its front.

Miss Fitch topped this with a becoming,

as well as stylish, hat of dark velvet, trimmed in flowers to harmonize with the brocade gown.

One of the smartest of afternoon costumes is a dark blue muleshoe in small figure, worn by Miss Wood, of Trenton, N. J., at one of the recent receptions, where this former winter resident of the Capital was greeted by a large and cordial circle of friends. Probably a three-piece suit, this well-made costume, to casual observers, was a draped model, with its top opening over a waistcoat of cherry red satin. The jacket, or bodice, according to some point of view, was perfectly close-fitting with slight curve at the waist line and a long peplum back.

The skirt showed a close, flat drapery, edged with black lynx; a beautiful collar of the lynx also finished the jacket. With this Miss Wood wore one of the smartest of the new small turbans. A close-fitting tur of blue velvet, with a panache of Gourea feathers, increasing the height to a most fashionable attitude. The small hat, which some women still profess to ignore, is more and more to the front in smart millinery, but with an added amount of trimming that recalls, in a measure, the average to the size of the hat.

The shape is as close as ever, but the single quill or the single rose appears to be disappearing entirely from the truly fashionable companies.

Miss Barney-Dreyfus, the former Miss Alice Barney, just arrived from Paris, where she makes her home for a part of each year, is wearing on the newest small shapes which shows great individuality in the placing of the panache of Gourea directly in front. The hat differs very slightly from other close-draped black velvet shapes worn slightly off the brow and low in the crown, the extreme distinction being the very tall and quite full cluster of Gourea. The outline of pear shape, but flat rather than round, measuring probably ten inches from its base to the tip of the tallest feather, which is directly in the center.

Another indication of more trimming as the season advances is shown in a round, black velvet hat of the round room rim, in the trousseau of one of last week's brides. This has its trimming composed of a narrow line of fur on the outer side of the rim above that, encircling the medially high crown in a wreath of holly berries and malaga raisins, the latter so real that no small boy could be trusted within reach of this particular piece of headgear.

A new law of combination appears to have been struck by some high artist in clothes by the number of black gowns which are totally without color, yet by their character and material entirely suited to the smart companies in which they are found, even wedding breakfasts.

Mrs. George Marry is wearing a toilet of this description, which is an illogical combination of net and fur, over crepe de chine, or some soft twilled satin. The skirt is of the satin, the tunic, or bodice, or the net; the fur being used as banding on both tunic and bodice.

Mrs. Mary wears with this one of the smartest of the new, small hats; a turban shape worn squarely on the head with its trimming in clipped paradise.

Carroll, Mrs. Forrest Dodge, Mrs. F. W. McReynolds, Mrs. William K. K. K. Sheppard. In the dining room, Mrs. Truman Abbe, Miss Elizabeth Pierce, and Mrs. Robert Brown, house guests from Providence, R. I. Mrs. Brown has returned to her home.

Mrs. Radford Moses is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. King for ten days.

Miss Katherine Beale is home from New York until after the Christmas holidays.

Miss Jannette Reside is visiting her sister, Mrs. S. O'Brien, in Rock, Md. She will make another visit before returning home.

Mrs. Downs L. Wilson was at home informally Thursday when her guests had the pleasure of meeting again Mrs. Charles C. Nichols, of San Francisco, Cal.

Col. and Mrs. Henry F. Blount have their daughter, Mrs. White, of New York, as their guest until after Christmas.

Miss Lila Reich, who went to New York for the Army-Navy game, returned home Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Moulton celebrated their golden wedding anniversary Wednesday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Moulton received the congratulations of their friends under a bower of palms and red-

low chrysanthemums. Mr. J. Richard Riggs, who was best man fifty years ago, was among the guests, also Miss Frances and M. L. Mearns, Miss M. C. Herrick, Miss L. A. Herrick, Rev. and Mrs. Wedderburn, Dr. and Mrs. James S. Cannon, Dr. and Mrs. W. R. Moulton, Mrs. W. A. Wayne, Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Burnham, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Houghton, Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. John F. Moulton, and Miss Olivia V. Baker. The children of Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Moulton, who were present, were Mrs. C. W. Burnham, Dr. W. R. Moulton, and John F. Moulton, and the grandchildren were Mr. R. E. McLean, and Miss D. L. Burrows. Mr. Moulton has been a clerk in the Postoffice Department for the past fifty-five years.

Miss Virginia Adams, Panama, New Orleans, and California. Miss Blanche Brown will spend the winter with her sister, Mrs. William B. Heister, 1612 T street.

HYATTSVILLE.

Mrs. D. C. Ballard and son, of New York, are visiting the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Brooks.

Richard Chew Zantinger, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Otway B. Zantinger, spent Thanksgiving with his parents.

Mr. Roy Litz and wife and two children of Capitol Heights, leave December 15 for Nebraska, where they will reside in the future.

Miss Frances Palmer and Mr. Archie French, both of Capitol Heights, were recently married at the home of the bridegroom's parents. Rev. Mr. Clark performed the ceremony.

Mr. and Mrs. James K. Littlepage, of Baltimore, have been visiting friends near Cheltenham.

Miss Herring, of Washington, has been visiting her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Paul S. Herring.

Mrs. T. Hammond Welsh entertained the members of the 50 and Luncheon Club Tuesday afternoon. Prizes were awarded and refreshments served.

LAUREL.

Mrs. E. B. Doran, has been visiting her father, Mrs. A. P. Webb.

Miss Irene Wilson, who is attending school in Alexandria, spent Thanksgiving with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. I. Wilson.

Dr. McCarthy left last week for Charleston, S. C.

Mrs. T. A. Johnstone, of Washington, was the guest of Mrs. A. R. Chase on Tuesday.

The Ladies' Aid Society, of St. Philip's Church, met Tuesday at the residence of Mrs. Bartholomew.

Miss Annie Stanley visited in Washington this week.

Mr. Shaw, of Cumberland, preached at St. Philip's Church Tuesday evening. Mr. Barry, of Washington, preached Sunday last.

Mr. Woolridge and family have sold their house on Montgomery street and moved to Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. Ketchum have moved into the house recently occupied by Mr. Woolridge.

Mrs. Dallam visited in Baltimore during the week.

Mr. Lee Duvall, of Annapolis, was the guest this week of his sister, Mrs. Frederic Dallam.

ROCKVILLE.

Announcement has been made of the engagement of Miss Margaretta Edna Ward, daughter of Mrs. E. W. Ward, of Laytonville, this county, and Mr. William M. Weaver, of Washington.

The wedding will take place the latter part of the present month.

Miss Margaret Ray, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Ray, of Ednor, this county, and Mr. Henry C. Brown, of the same locality, were married a few days ago by Rev. John R. Kerr, pastor of the Methodist Church, near Ednor, in the presence of a small company of relatives and friends. The bride was attended by Miss Nicholson, of Brookville, and the bridegroom's brother, Mortimer Brown, was best man. Following the ceremony, a largely attended reception was held at the home of the bride's parents.

The marriage has been announced of Raymond H. Graves, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis H. F. Graves, of Aspen, this county, and Miss Edna Mary Hall, daughter of Edward Hall, of Mount Airy.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman C. Briggs continued a number of their friends at their home, "Briggs Manor," near Gaithersburg, recently. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Tschiffely, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Ward, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Fickes, Messrs. Clay Plummer, Forrest Walker, Thomas Small, Carroll Buxton, Kenneth Meem, Columbus Ward, William M. Weaver, Washington Burchett, Luther Helman, and Charles White.

Mrs. William H. Rabbitt and daughters have closed their home near Derwood, this county, and have removed to Washington for the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas C. Keys entertained in the auditorium of the Elks' Home by the dancing committee of that organization. A Spanish dance was given during the evening by Miss Leona Callan, of Washington. The prize for the best-dressed woman was awarded Miss Callan, and the man's prize was awarded to Mr. Harry Fleischmann. The fish walk prize was won by Mr. Bernard Hamilton and Miss Katherine Faw.

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Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wolfe, of Los Angeles; Miss Luster, and Dr. Keller, both of Indianapolis, during the week

were assisted in serving by Mrs. Frederick Hatchell, Washington; Mrs. Louis S. Scott, Mrs. C. C. Leadbetter, Misses Emily McCormick, Alice Anderson, Esther Burke, Nellie Under, Collins Jones, and Chloe Cooke, of Baltimore.

Misses Mattie and Blanche Randell have returned to Manassas, after a visit to friends in this city.

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were the guests of Mrs. Kate Walker Barrett.

Dr. Hugh McGuire has returned from Richmond.

Miss Chloe Cooke, of Baltimore, is visiting Miss Esther Burke.

Mrs. Frederick Hatchell, of Washington, is the guest of her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. C. William Watters, Prince street.

Messrs. S. G. Brent, James R. Catm, and John M. Johnson have returned from Richmond, where they attended the meeting in the interest of the centennial celebration of the anniversary of the signing of the Treaty of Ghent.

Miss Mary C. Lynn, of this city, and Mr. Charles W. Valentine, also of this city, were married last Monday in Washington by the Rev. W. T. McKenney.

Miss Julia Louise Lewis, after a visit to Mrs. William Woolle, 67 Queen street, has returned to her studies at the State Normal School, Fredericksburg, Va.

Mr. Daniel McGawway, of New York, is the guest of his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Tarrance McGowan.

Miss Ruth Hulshof, of Haymarket, Va., is the guest of her brother, Mr. James A. Hulshof, North Washington street.

Mr. Frank S. Jeffries and Miss Emily C. Clark were married last week at the parsonage of Trinity M. E. Church.

Mrs. R. K. Morrison and Dr. Harry B. Taylor, of Hamilton, Va., were married November 29 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James A. Hulshof, North Washington street. They will reside at Hamilton, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. James A. Patterson, of Waynesboro, Va.; Mrs. Whistler and son, of Manassas; Mrs. Hough, and Mrs. Jacobson attended the Taylor-Morrison wedding, November 29.

Invitations have been received in this city from Mrs. William Stevenson, for the marriage of her daughter, Bertha Murkland, to Mr. John Lloyd Uhler, December 14, in Calvary Church, Pittsburgh, Pa. Mr. Uhler is a son of Mr. and Mrs. George Uhler, of this city.

Miss Sadie Purvis and Mr. Elbert Ball, both of this city, were married Wednesday afternoon at the parsonage of the First Baptist Church, by the Rev. Dr. W. K. Watson, pastor. Following a

Southern bridal trip, they will reside at 1411 King street.

Mr. Charles Weisiger, of this city, and two children, have returned to their home after a visit to Mr. and Mrs. James Hunter, Ashland, Va.

Miss Anne Latson Tobbe is visiting at the home of Judge and Mrs. R. H. Tobbe, Leesburg, Va.

Mr. Robert Beverley, of Panama, formerly a resident of this city, was married in Colon, November 16, to Miss Lorraine Stubby, of Houston, Tex. They are spending their honeymoon at San Jose, Costa Rica.

Miss Mary Walker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Walker, recently celebrated the sixth anniversary of her birth at the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Moore.

Miss Christine Kemper entertained the Auction Bridge Club, of which she is a member, Thursday evening, at her home in Rosemont. Those playing were Miss

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## BETTER THAN SPANKING.

Spanking does not cure children of bed-wetting. There is a constitutional cause for this trouble. Mrs. M. Summers, Box W, Notre Dame, Ind., will